

**New Mexico- Tucumcari Field Office
FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Buffers**

Applicant: _____ Date: 12/14/2005 Total Points: _____
 FSN: _____ Tract No.: _____ CMS Field No's. _____

1. Resources Concern - 320 Potential Points

Potential points will be multiplied by one of the following factors: one row of trees, by <u>1.5</u> for multiple rows of trees of the same species, or by <u>2</u> for multiple rows of trees composed of multiple species.	by 1 for	Potential Points	Factor	Points
Soil Erosion: Wind				
Protect farmstead from soil erosion originating on adjacent cropland or rangeland.		50		
Protect cropland/public road.		30		
Air Quality: Undesirable Air Movement				
Windbreak barrier near populated area.		10		
Animal, Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter				
Establish food/cover for targeted wildlife species.		40		
Animal, Wildlife: Inadequate Water				
Wildlife water facilities.		20		
Animal, Domestic: Inadequate Shelter				
Protect livestock or livestock facilities.		10		
Total				

2. Other Considerations - 15 Potential Points

	Potential Points		After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (Prairie Dog)	5		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	2		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	N/A		
D. This land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	2		
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and /or prevent infestation of Class A, Class B, and/or Class C noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA. (Points are only given to those practices that are included in NRCS Standards & Specifications.)	6		
2. Other Considerations	Total		

3. Length Of Buffer Modifier

**** Funding will be provided to higher ranking scores.**

***** Total points will be adjusted based on the total feet of buffer planned. The following procedure will be utilized. For example, if buffer is 250 feet in length, multiply accumulated points by .250 (referred to as length modifier). If planned buffer is 2560 feet in length, multiply points by 2.560, etc. In the event of a tie, contracts will be awarded based on highest soil erodibility index.**

Length of buffer = _____

Total points = _____ X Length Modifier _____

_____ **ADJUSTED ENVIRONMENTAL POINTS**

Total Points (After minus Benchmark):
 Section 1
 Section 2
 Section 3 which equals total

 Producer

 Date

 Designated Conservationist

 Date

NOTE: Any single type of practice will be limited to \$50,000 in cost share per contract